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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2812

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ichio YUDASAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2812

Application No.: 09/936,041

Examiner: Angel Roman

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Docket No.: 110553

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A THIN-FILM TRANSISTOR COMPRISING A
RECOMBINATION CENTER (AS AMENDED)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the January 8, 2003 Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-24 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of claims 1-15 would encompass a search for the subject matter of claims 16-24. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay

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